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SUBJ: LUNT-PERALTA EXCHANGE

REF: LISBON 4388

IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE DECEMBER 31, FOREIGN
MINISTER PATRICIO SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE
POSSIBILITY OF A LUNT-PERALTA EXCHANGE WITH BELGIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER DURING RECENT NATO MINISTERIAL.
PATRICIO HAD INDICATED THEN THAT IT WAS A VERY
DIFFICULT MATTER FOR THE GOP. PERALTA'S VASE WAS
NOT COVERED BY RECENT AMNESTY DECREE. FOR THERE TO
BE ANY BASIS FOR THE GOP TO NEGOTIATE ON THE MATTER
WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, THE LATTER WOULD FIRST HAVE
TO ADMIT THAT IT HAS SENT PERSONNEL TO GUINEA TO
WORK WITH PAIGC - UP TO NOW THEY CLAIM NOT TO BE
ANSWERABLE FOR "VOLUNTEERS" - AND CUBA WOULD ALSO
HAVE TO PROMISE NOT TO SEND MORE "PERALTAS" TO GUINEA.
PATRICIO DOUBTED THAT CUBA WOULD AGREE AND THERE WAS
THUS NO BASIS ON WHICH TO WORK OUT AN EXCHANGE. HE
HELD OUT NO HOPE, AS HAD DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
FREITAS CRUZ IN EARLIER CONVERSATION (REFTEL, THAT
SOME OTHER FORMULA MIGHT BE WORKED OUT.
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